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MARGINAL COLUMN
By GEORGE LEONOFF

FIRST impression about the Seato Council talks now under way is that the most important business which brought the Western Ministers half-way round the world to Manila has very little to do with Asia. Reports from all three Western capitals agree that Mr. Dulles, Mr. Macmillan and M. Pineau will take this opportunity to consult on the latest developments with regard to summit talks, and, most likely, to discuss in detail the French proposal for a Western Mediterranean defence treaty. It has by now become axiomatic, of course, that defence is indivisible, but strictly speaking neither question has much to do with the South-East Asia Treaty Organization.

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AT the last Council meeting of this outlying bulwark of the Western defence structure, discussions dealt chiefly with the desirability of emphasising the economic aspects of the treaty. This was a dignified way of saying that the Asian members wanted to know what they would be getting out of it in other than military ways. From a regional point of view, Seato has never been a solid alliance. The only three Asian members of the eight-nation pact — the Philippines, Siam and Pakistan — are literally oceans apart. Whatever coordination in military planning there is between them is conducted by the Western partners. They do in fact cooperate more closely in other important aspects, chiefly in the field of anti-subversion measures, but there have been signs of late that this work, however useful it may be in combating Communist activities in the Asian countries concerned, is not considered by them to justify the military commitments they have undertaken.

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SEATO alone of the Western defence groupings has remained stagnant. Nato, a living and developing organism, has been considerably strengthened with the adherence of West Germany. The Baghdad Pact, for all its acknowledged shortcomings, has been logically filled out — since originally created by Turkey and Iraq — by the inclusion of Pakistan and Iran — not to speak of the United Kingdom, which aired the union. Dissatisfaction with this state of affairs has been openly voiced both in Pakistan and Manila, and yesterday was again reflected in the opening address of the Philippines President, Mr. Carlos Garcia, who opened the Council meeting with a call for a larger rather than a static or diminishing role for Seato. It is doubtful, however, whether his call for some closer form of contact between Seato and other Western defence organizations will find ready response. As far as Nato members are concerned, there has always been a wide difference of opinion as to the practical value of the Far Eastern alliance, and little inclination on the part of most West European members for association with it.

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CREATED in 1954 following the Geneva conference which brought an end to the Indo-China war, Seato was a creation of compromise. The terms of the treaty made it clear that it was aimed specifically against Communist aggression in the area, but the "treaty area" as defined in Article 8 excluded both Formosa and North Korea, at that time the two danger spots in the area. The territorial restriction was the result chiefly of the prevalence of the British view, which was influenced to some extent by India's strong denunciation of the creation of a military bloc in the area by either principal of the "cold war." The Indian view was supported by Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia, who declined to identify themselves with the treaty.

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SINCE then, the major development in the area was a lessening of tension, which was achieved outside the Seato framework. Though North Korea is no nearer unity, the possibility of renewed hostilities is now remote, and while Peking has not dropped its claim to Formosa, it has gradually dropped its threats to "liberate" the island by force after the U.S. made it known that it would defend Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold. It may be expected, however, that the West will convince its Asian members of the necessity to maintain the unspectacular alliance, whose one useful function is to provide a balance to the Soviet and Chinese presence in the Pacific.

Jerusalem, March 12.

Rich Uranium Find In N-W Pakistan

LAHORE, Tuesday (Reuter). —Rich uranium deposits have been discovered in Pakistan's northwest frontier province, the chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Dr. Nazir Ahmed, said today.

Pakistan hopes to get an atomic reactor from the U.S. at the end of the year, he said, and is training as many nuclear scientists as possible.

Ike Sees Tax Cut as Halting U.S. Recession

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — New York's stock exchanges advanced mildly today immediately after President Eisenhower told Republican Congressional leaders that he had in mind a tax cut to put a quicker end to the six-month-old economic recession in the U.S.

He added, however, that he would defer any action on a cut for a month.

Both the Republican Administration and Democrat Party leadership of Congress have been cautious about making a tax cut, though it is widely agreed that this is the quickest way in theory to pump new purchasing power into the sagging economy.

Disadvantages Seen

But against this advantage of a cut in personal taxes experts set these possible disadvantages: the unemployed are helped very little, if at all, since they do not pay taxes, while a major tax cut might very quickly lead the country back to an unhealthy state of inflation. In addition, Government revenues would be reduced again at a time when the economic setback has already reduced them, leading to a large budget deficit.

Unemployment in the U.S. reached nearly 5.2 million in mid-February—almost 700,000 more than the previous month—the Secretary of Labour, Mr. James Mitchell, disclosed today.

In a speech to leaders of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. labour federation he said a tax cut was the "next big step" towards halting the recession.

Government Action

Mr. Mitchell added that there would have to be government action to buoy the sagging economy, but cautioned against "ill-advised action." He said it was easy to recommend "far-reaching money spending" that would not provide the jobs needed at present.

The President of the A.F.L.-C.I.O., Mr. George Meany, demanded quick aid from the Government to stop what he called "economic chaos." He said that the Administration should arrange a quick cut in taxes, more defence spending, higher benefits for the jobless and larger appropriations for public works and construction projects.

A new propaganda battle over the seriousness of the American business slump has developed between the U.S. and Russia.

U.S. Urges Retention Of 3-Mile Sea Limit

GENEVA, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.S. today urged the 85-nation conference on the Law of the Sea to make an unequivocal declaration that the breadth of territorial waters should not exceed three miles.

Mr. Arthur Dean, the American delegate, said in the conference committee on territorial waters that the U.S. considers that "there is no obligation on the part of states adhering to the three-mile rule to recognize claims on the part of other states to a greater breadth of territorial sea."

He had referred to recent decisions by Indonesia to draw a 12-mile limit around its entire archipelago and by the Soviet Union to seal off Peter the Great Bay, in the Pacific, with a 12-mile limit across its mouth.

Mr. Dean described the Indonesian decision as a unilateral attempt to convert into territorial or even internal waters vast areas of the high seas freely used for centuries by the ships of all countries.

Jakarta Claims First Victories Against Sumatra Dissidents

JAKARTA, Tuesday. — The Indonesian Army claimed today that three areas fringing the swampy jungle on the east coast of Sumatra have been "cleaned of rebel troops."

A communique said soldiers in the three areas — Sungai Pankning, Bengkalis and Selat Pandjang — were pouring in pledges of loyalty to the Government.

There was no mention of armed clashes nor of the situation in rebel-held North Celebes, recently attacked by Government gunboats and aircraft.

Government troops are poised to strike at Central Sumatra, and the Indonesian Red Cross announced plans to evacuate foreigners from the oil-rich province.

(An Amsterdam newspaper reported last night that 10 battalions of the Indonesian Army yesterday launched a three-pronged attack on Central Sumatra rebels.)

President Sukarno set out from Jakarta for a six-day military tour of inspection of East Indonesia to ascertain the strength of his forces in the area. He is due to make a major speech at Bandung on Sunday.

A squadron of U.S. warships is assembling off Singapore ready to protect American citizens in Sumatra if necessary. The vessels include a cruiser and two destroyers.

The U.S. and British Ambassadors today called on Foreign Minister Subandrio in Jakarta to obtain information on the current developments in Indonesia.

The Indonesian Government has accepted a Russian offer to deliver 10 Soviet ships totalling 35,000 tons, the Indonesian news agency P.A.I. reported. *(Reuter, UP)*

Rebels Bombed In Algerian Battle

ALGIERS, Tuesday (Reuter).—Sixteen French aircraft have bombed strong insurgent positions in a violent battle in progress between French troops and a large insurgent force coming from Tunisia, according to reports received here today.

Twenty-three rebels have been killed for the loss of nine French soldiers in a battle near Salba, west Algeria, according to unconfirmed reports reaching Algiers.

In Rome, the National Algerian Movement today appealed to France, to the Europeans in Algeria and to the Western world to recognize the right of self-determination for the Algerian people.

The Secretary-General of the Movement, Moulay Merbah, in a declaration read at a press conference, said: "Algeria's independence is unavoidable, but it has to be recognized before the war in Algeria destroys her hopes of freedom and democracy."

In Paris, three policemen in a patrol car were wounded last night when North Africans fired on them from a cab in the suburb of Saint Denis.

The attackers fled, abandoning their car and leaving behind an Algerian with his hands tied. He said he was being taken away to be "executed."

New Italian and Swiss Ambassadors Arrive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

New Swiss and Italian Ambassadors arrived yesterday by air and by sea. Both were met by the Chief of Protocol, Mr. Harry Beilin.

Mr. Emile Bisang, the Swiss envoy, arrived after midnight by Swissair at Lydda Airport. He was formerly Minister to Pakistan. Israel and Switzerland only recently raised their legations to embassy status, and Mr. Bisang is his country's first Ambassador to this country.

Count Giovanni Revedin di San Martino arrived later in the day on board the s.s. Enotria. The Count was formerly envoy to Albania.

They will present copies of their credentials to the Acting Foreign Minister at the beginning of next week, and the formal presentation ceremony at Beit Hanassi will take place at the end of the week.

The Netherlands Ambassador, Jkhr. Bas Backer, will present his credentials to the President this morning.

U.S. Gov't Watching Moscow Oil Case

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The U.S. Government is carefully observing the proceedings now going on in Moscow in the $2.3m. suit for damages brought by two Israel firms against the Soviet Oil Export Company, which broke a contract to deliver fuel and crude oil to Israel following the Sinai campaign.

State Department sources made known yesterday that the U.S. is interested in the outcome of the suit in view of the current campaign by the Soviet Government to promote broader East-West trade. The result of the Israel case will determine if this campaign is economically legitimate in its purpose, or is purely political propaganda.

The issue would resolve the question of whether Soviet trading trusts are integral parts of the Soviet Government and whether economic deals with them are tied to politics.

RESUMES TODAY

The arbitration case of the Israel oil firms taking place in Moscow will be continued today. On Monday, the Israel attorneys summed up their cases.

Italian Diplomats Start Pay Strike

ROME, Tuesday (Reuter). — Subordinate personnel in several Italian diplomatic and consular missions abroad today began a two-day strike to back their claims for higher wages and greater security, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

A spokesman for Italy's Christian Democrat Trade Unions Federation, which organized the strike, said he was sure that practically all of the 2,000 people concerned would obey the strike call. He added that the two-day stoppage "would be followed by more bitter methods of agitation" if the Government did not act quickly.

ANTI-KEROSENE BILL EXTENDED

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday passed the second and third readings of a bill to extend for five months the validity of emergency regulations prohibiting the use of kerosene for operating motor vehicles.

Dr. B. Avniel, chairman of the Economic Committee, said that the committee had unanimously decided to extend the bill for only five months, and not until the end of the year, as requested by the Government.

It had done this in order that a more basic study of the entire question might be made, particularly of the invention which is said to prevent the excessive wear and tear of automobile engines ordinarily caused by the use of kerosene.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Pakistani Government has decided to recognize the United Arab Republic of Syria and Egypt, it was authoritatively learned in Karachi last night, according to a Reuter despatch.

Western Ministers to Discuss Summit Parley in Manila Today

MANILA, Tuesday (Reuter). — A U.S. spokesman today announced that Secretary of State Dulles will meet the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, tomorrow to discuss a "possible summit conference."

The spokesman said the three Western Foreign Ministers, who are here for the SEATO Council conference, would meet at the British Embassy.

M. Pineau was also expected to give Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Dulles details of the French proposal for a West Mediterranean defence pact.

Soviet Build-up

Mr. Dulles told the eight-nation SEATO Council meeting which started here today that the Sino-Soviet bloc was still making immense efforts to build up military power of all kinds.

But despite this, Mr. Dulles added, no nation which was a member of the three Western post-war collective defence organizations had been taken over by international Communism. "This is a fact and it is our purpose to see it so," he declared.

He added that the industrial power of the Soviet bloc had also grown, and there were economic and political offensives which were fraught with danger.

President Carlos Garcia of the Philippines opened the Council meeting with a call for forms of contact between the organization and other security arrangements in the "free world."

He suggested a larger rather than a static or diminishing role for SEATO in the future years and added: "In particular I would commend to this Council increased emphasis in the search for appropriate ways of lending greater substance and reality to the provisions of the treaty pertaining to economic, social and cultural progress."

Mr. Pineau told the Council that SEATO was aimed only at those who would deliberately assail the liberties of its member nations. He warned that "it would be dangerous for us to lower our guard."

In a later closed session, the eight Foreign Ministers authorized an exchange of information with NATO and favourably considered pleas for more economic help for the Asian members — the Philippines, Thailand and Pakistan.

The U.S. and Australia responded to these appeals with immediate offers of $2m. and $1m.

'Good Offices' Envoys Confer With Bourguiba

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Anglo-American good offices envoys in the Franco-Tunisian dispute, Mr. Harold Beeley and Mr. Robert Murphy, arrived in Tunis by air today from Paris with the French plan which was approved by a full Cabinet meeting in Paris.

Sources close to Prime Minister Gaillard described the plan as "a step towards a settlement."

They held their first conference with President Habib Bourguiba tonight. According to officials in Paris, the two envoys put before him a number of points on which the French were prepared to agree in order to produce a resumption of good relations with Tunisia.

While official Government spokesmen maintained complete silence about the details of the French proposals, unofficial reports describe them as coming under four main heads:

1. Concentration of all French troops in the air and naval base of Bizerta.
2. Partial or token evacuation of some of these forces back to France.
3. Neutral control of Tunisian airfields after evacuation by French garrisons, in order to ensure that they are not used by Algerian nationalists for attacks on the French Army in Algeria, and possible control by neutral forces of the Tunisian-Algerian frontier.
4. Withdrawal of discriminatory measures against French citizens residing in Tunisia.

Wants Curbs Annulled

In Paris today, Prime Minister Gaillard told the Upper House that France could not consider a resumption of talks with Tunisia until all measures taken against French civilians had been annulled. He was speaking before an oral question was due to be asked on the subject of the expulsion of French nationals from Tunisia.

In Washington, the State Department's senior economic expert, in testimony published yesterday, said the U.S. is considering granting aid to Tunisia and Morocco if France should cut off economic assistance to those countries.

The disclosure came from Mr. Douglas Dillon, the Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs at a private meeting of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

Air Force Games At Lydda Airport

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. —The airport took on a military look when Air Force excercises began here today. The airport is being used as one of the bases for the manoeuvres which are to take three days.

Piston and jet Air Force planes were today scattered about the airfields while paratroop units also taking part in the manoeuvres were seen in the area.

The exercises will not interfere with the smooth running of civil air service here, the Army spokesman declared. *(Itim)*

Law to Fine Employers Who Hold Up Wages is Adopted

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Employers who delay the payment of wages will be subject to fines, beginning on April 1, under the terms of the Wage Protection Bill which passed its second and third readings in the Knesset yesterday. There were no votes against the bill, but Herut and the General Zionists abstained.

The law provides that wages paid on a monthly basis are payable at the end of the month in which they were earned. However, there is no legal remedy unless payment has not been effected by the 15th of the following month. In such cases, the employer will be required to add to the wage 5 per cent for the first week of delay, and 10 per cent for each additional week.

Mr. Yosef Almagi, who presented the bill on behalf of the Labour Committee, called it a basic labour relations law, and one which was a faithful expression of ancient Jewish tradition. The section which provides that the law applies to the Government just as it does to any other employer was of particular importance to tens of thousands of workers in relief projects, in municipalities and in other national institutions, he said.

The bill also provides that wages shall be paid in cash, although they may also be paid by cheque if so agreed by the employee or in a collective contract. With the employee's consent, part of the wages may be paid in the form of food or lodgings, provided that the amount deducted for these is not above prevailing prices.

No deductions may be made from wages except those stipulated in the bill. These include: sums which are required to be deducted by law; donations which the employee agrees to in writing; union dues; payments to the labour exchange; and payments to provident or pension funds.

An employee may authorise his employer in writing to pay him through the labour exchange or to hand his pay to his parent, wife, child, or co-worker. The first IL160 of wages is not subject to a lien or transfer of any sort, ex-

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Reparations to Total $40m. This Year

COLOGNE, Tuesday (UP). — West Germany will deliver goods worth 280m. marks (nearly $66m.) to Israel in the 1958-59 fiscal year, Bonn Government and Israel spokesmen said here today. The deliveries will mark the seventh year of the West German - Israel agreement which provides for wartime restitution costs to Israel.

German deliveries to Israel last year within the agreement totalled 15 per cent of Israel's imports.

The majority of German goods delivered consist of machinery and spare parts.

Plan Limits Pact To Western Mid-Sea

By MAURICE CARR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS, Tuesday. — Premier Felix Gaillard's defence pact plan is specifically limited to the western Mediterranean, to the exclusion of east Mediterranean countries, a Quai d'Orsay spokesman said here today.

He added that Britain would be eligible since she controls Gibraltar and Malta.

The French Defence Minister, M. Chaban Delmas, told a group of foreign journalists today that the incident of the Israel arms plane is considered closed and nothing more need be said on the subject.

Arms at Bone

At a Quai d'Orsay press conference a Swiss journalist asked why the arms were detained at Bone since, according to M. Chaban Delmas and also to an earlier French Foreign Ministry statement, investigation proved that the arms were not destined for the Algerian rebels.

The Quai d'Orsay chief spokesman, M. Baraduc, denying that the Algerian authorities acted contrary to instructions from Paris, said the weapons were taken off the aircraft because inquiries failed to clear up certain "obscure points," notably answers which were given by one member of the Flying Fortress' crew when questioned by French security officers.

M. Baraduc refused to reply to a British correspondent who asked if it was true that a Flying Fortress was incapable of covering more than 1,000 kms. in one hop—implying that it could not cross the Atlantic to Latin America.

Saudi-Bahrein Accord 'Repudiated' by Persia

TEHERAN, Tuesday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Ardalan said yesterday that Persia "repudiates" the recent oil agreement between Saudi Arabia and the British-protected Sheikhdom of Bahrein on the Persian Gulf.

Persia has claimed Bahrein as part of her territory.

The Saudi-Bahrein agreement gives Saudi Arabia offshore oil rights with the right to explore and develop certain areas.

Ardalan said Persia would consider as "an encroachment on her rights" any move by any foreign country or oil company to utilise the agreement. He said all profits from the agreement would be exclusively Persia's right, and Persia reserved the right to declare such transaction null and void.

Nasser Steps Up Drive On Hashemites, Saud

No Autonomy For Gaza, Cairo Says

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — A spokesman for the Egyptian Palestine Department said today there was no question of autonomy or independence for the Gaza Strip.

The formation of a new 30-member Legislative Council for the Strip will be celebrated on Saturday, he said. The Council was designed to assist the Governor in his duties.

Our Paris Correspondent reports:

A Quai d'Orsay spokesman said today that France has not formulated its attitude towards a possible proclamation of a Palestine Government in Gaza and the incorporation of the region in the United Arab Republic because "such a development is considered unlikely."

He added that, "nevertheless, there is no doubt that the French, as well as many other western governments, would be opposed to such a move."

Cairo Move Into Sinai Unconfirmed

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

U.N. sources in Jerusalem last night tended to discredit a "Paris Presse" report quoted in the afternoon press yesterday that an Egyptian division has moved into Sinai.

In other quarters, too, there was neither confirmation nor denial. It was said however, that if it were true it would not be surprising, since the Egyptians have a free hand to move into Sinai and could without difficulty spread out their troops in the many former camps and bases in the peninsula. Egyptian forces have been stationed on the fringe of the Sinai Peninsula for some time.

On the other hand, it was pointed out that the U.N. Emergency Force remains along the borders and presents a barrier to any would-be attempts of the Egyptians to make any injudicious moves.

For their part, Iraqi forces have not moved into Jordan, and although Israel has said that she would reserve her freedom of action should Baghdad troops move into threatening positions, it is believed that the Iraqis have held back more out of fear of the reaction from other Arab states than from the Jordanians themselves.

The emergency status under which the Egyptian-Syrian army has reportedly been placed has not resulted in any special measures being taken by the Israel Defence Forces, it is understood. No acute danger has yet been felt, and apart from declarations being issued from safe distances, no overt moves have yet become apparent.

Israel's Defence Forces are going ahead with their periodic adjustment to new conditions. The Forces have three permanent aims: settlement of the country, integration of new citizens and training for good citizenship, and maintenance of the high quality of armaments. Of these, it appears that greater emphasis will now be put on the first as a result of the re-appraisal.

The Army has proved itself a prime factor in the past in the pioneering of the country through its Nahal and other units, but it can be expected that more stress will now be placed on using the Army to facilitate the settlement of uninhabited areas and to establish the borders of the State as physical entities rather than mere lines on a map.

JORDAN MAY GET AID FROM WEST GERMANY

AMMAN, Tuesday (Reuter). —The Jordan Economy Ministry spokesman said here that a West German official delegation conferred today with Ministry officials about "the possibility of providing German aid to enable Jordan to carry out her economic and industrial projects and to strengthen her commercial and economic relations with West Germany."

Says: 'Plotted with Zionists

Abdul Nasser yesterday stepped up his "hate campaign" against the Hashemite Federation with charges that Iraq and Jordan had entered into "traitorous plots with imperialism and world Zionism" in 1948 to permit the establishment of Israel and bring about the defeat of the Arab armies.

The semi-official Cairo daily "A-Sha'ab" today accused King Saud of Saudi Arabia of "sucking the blood of the people in his own kingdom" and of betraying Arab interests. It said Saud was against Arab unity and had "betrayed the Arab people's trust over Algeria, Palestine and the so-called Persian Gulf protectorates."

In a speech at an army camp near Damascus, reported by Damascus Radio, Nasser claimed that when the Arab armies entered Palestine "to save its Arabs from Zionism," the "Iraqi traitors" ordered the Iraqi forces to stand aside.

Nasser added: "The Arab nation today remembers how King Abdulla plotted with London and world Zionism."

He told his audience: "The Arab nation looks to you as fighters and liberators." He pledged the U.A.R. to the slogan: "We shall fight those who hate us, we shall fight them to the end," adding: "Every citizen of the U.A.R. will fight to the end to wipe out imperialism and Zionism and Arab traitors who aid imperialism."

Jordan: 'Crazy Speeches'

Jordan Radio's political commentator said last night that Nasser "has begun to realize that his dictatorship will never be safe until it has destroyed the non-military, democratic regimes in Iraq, Jordan, the Lebanon and other Arab countries."

He continued: "Within one week, Nasser attacked Iraq, Jordan, the Lebanon and finally Saudi Arabia in his crazy speeches, and turned his words into deeds by discriminating against Jordan traffic passing through Syria.

"He cares little if Iraq, Jordan, the Lebanon and Saudi Arabia have all decided to bar their frontiers to Syrian goods. He loses nothing and Egypt loses nothing. He is interested only in getting rid of Nuri Said and Samir Rifa'i."

Meir: Arab Rifts Raising Tension

ACCRA, Tuesday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Golda Meir, now visiting Ghana as guest of the Government for the first anniversary independence celebrations, said here today that the developing tensions in the Middle East were the result of internal conflicts between Arab states and among Arabs themselves, and of the entry of Middle East regions into the East-West "cold war."

A further aggravating factor was "the unrealistic refusal of Arab states to recognise Israel's right to exist."

In an interview with the Ghana News Agency, Mrs. Meir said the existence of the Egypt-Syrian Union and the Iraq-Jordan Federation did not change the geographic facts of the region. Israel had hostile Arab states on its borders in the past and it had the hostile states on its borders now. Each Arab state previously tried to outbid the others in hostile threats against Israel, and this competition was now proceeding between the two new blocs of states she added.

Ghana-Israel Ties

She described Ghana-Israel relations as based on friendship between two states and on mutual respect and cooperation between two countries with similar outlooks and the same democratic way of life.

The Ghana Minister of Information told journalists at a broadcast press conference today that the Government was still awaiting reports of an inquiry through diplomatic channels about the Jordan Government's alleged decision to blacklist the Ghana-Israel Black Star shipping line.

The statement was made in reply to a question asked at the conference.

El Al Snatches Back Blue Ribbon from BOAC

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — El Al lost and regained its transatlantic Blue Ribbon within a few minutes today.

A BOAC Britannia early this morning broke the record held by El Al. The achievement of the British airline, whose aircraft made the westbound London-New York hop in 9 hours, 32 minutes, was short-lived, for a few minutes later an El Al Britannia landed in New York 9 hours and 22 minutes after taking off from the British capital.

El Al's previous record was 9 hours and 52 minutes.

The El Al Britannia carried 51 passengers, crew and 1.5 tons of freight and mail.

The BOAC plane had clipped 20 minutes of the then existing record, despite having to "feather" the port inboard engine.

Pro-Western Umma Wins Sudan Elections

KHARTOUM, Tuesday (Reuter). — The pro-Western Umma Party won the Sudanese general elections, but failed to gain an absolute majority, it was announced today.

The Umma will probably form a coalition government with its old ally, the Democratic Party, and one wing of the split Liberal Party.

Final unofficial results for the House of Representatives give Umma 63 seats, the pro-Egyptian National Unionists 47, and the Democratic Party 26, and others — Liberals and independents with no firm party allegiance — 32 seats.

Independent Sudanese newspapers today deplored attempts which may be made to "offer enticement" to new Members of Parliament in backward areas to change parties, or if uncommitted so far, to make up their minds.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received a delegation of parents of those who fell in the defence and relief of Kibbutz Yehiam ten years ago. The bereaved parents were accompanied by Mr. A. Vlasasky, Chairman of the Ga'aton Local Council.

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The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, last night gave a dinner at the Sharon Hotel for Aluf Moshe Dayan and Mrs. Dayan. Also present were the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov; the Director-General of the Ministry of Defence, Mr. Shimon Peres; previous Chiefs of Staff; high-ranking Army officers, and their ladies.

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The Minister of Posts, Dr. Joseph Burg, yesterday received Rabbi Max Routtenberg, Bond Drive leader from New York.

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The British Consul in Jerusalem, Mr. Robert Brash, yesterday paid an official visit to the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce, and was received by the President of the Chamber, Mr. Menache Eliachar.

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Following the concert given by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at the Edison Hall, Jerusalem, on Monday night, a reception was held at the Be'eri Club for Pnina Salzmann, the pianist, and Georg Singer, the conductor.

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A reception in honour of Mr. Franco Minissi, of Rome, architectural adviser on the planning of the National Museum in Jerusalem, was given at Beit Shalom, Jerusalem, on Monday by the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Bezalel National Museum. Mr. Minissi showed photographs of Italian museums he had designed.

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A national meeting of "March of Prutot" organizers will take place in Jerusalem today. The President's wife will receive the participants at her home in the afternoon.

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"The Burden of Proof in Income Tax Matters" is the subject of a symposium being held under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Law Faculty and the Israel Branch of the International Fiscal Association at 5 this evening in the Ratisbonne Building, Jerusalem. Participants are Judge A. Witkon, Mr. C. Gillon, Dr. M. Stein, Mr. U. Gorni, Mr. A. Klimowsky, Mr. E.S. Shimron and Mr. J. Wilkenfeld.

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Prof. Carl Frankenstein, of the Hebrew University's School of Education, will deliver the first of this year's two Judah L. Magnes Memorial Lectures this evening at 6.15 in the Abraham Mazer Building on the University campus. His subject is "Personality Development Under the Impact of Poverty in Childhood."

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Mr. Joseph Saphir, M.K., will speak to the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1.15 today at the Y.M.C.A. on "Democracy and the Electoral System."

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Father Alexandre Lannes, the late Custos of the Crusader Church at Abu Ghosh, will take place at the Church tomorrow (Thursday) at 10.30 a.m. in the presence of the French Consul-General, M. Andre Favereau.

THE FRENCH press delegation now touring the country as guests of the Government yesterday planted a tree in the Martyrs Forest. It stands in the French section of the Forest, near the village of Shoeva in the Jerusalem Corridor.

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ORION: The Spanish Gardener.
ORNA: The Sun Also Rises.
RON: Wonder Man.
OR GIL: The City is Dark.
ZION HALL: Fear Strikes Out.
EDISON: The Lone Ranger.
STUDIO: The Man Who Never Was.

TEL AVIV

ALLENBY: Crime and Punishment.
ARMON DAVID: Porte de Lilas.
CHEN: Gunfight at the O.K. Corral.
DAN: Keep Your Chin Up.
EDEN: King of Youth.
ESTHER: A Man is Ten Feet Tall.
GAT: Battle Hymn.
MAXIM: Three Men in a Boat.
MERKAZ: La Mome Vert de Gris.
MIGDALOR: Escapade.
MOGRABI: Prince of Players.
OPHIR: Et Dieu . . . Créa La Femme.
ORION: The Prince and the Showgirl.
PEER: Annapolis Story.
SHDEROTH: La Strada.
TAMAR: The Cranes Are Flying.
TCHELET: Firecchka.
TEL AVIV: Payton Place.
YARON: For Whom the Bell Tolls.
RAMLIS: Rumsby Park—Bonjour L'Amour.
RAFON: 10 Angry Men.

HAIFA

GAL OR: The Bachelor Party. Mats.: Dial 1119.
ORION: Screaming Eagles. Mats.: Hortons Went.
ATZMON: Madame Butterfly.
MORIAH: My Man Godfrey.
PEER: Tin Star.
ARMON: Bitter Victory.
EN DOR: La Fete aux Jeunes.
ORLY: 25 Paces to Baker Street.
ORAH: Love in the Afternoon.
AMPHITHEATRE: The Monte — Carlo Story.
NAVI: The Prince and the Showgirl.

Goldmann Warns Israel Youth Not to Ignore Jewries Abroad

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A dramatic warning that Israel youth should not ignore the Jews abroad lest they disappear as a community, to Israel's own irreparable loss, was issued in Jerusalem on Monday evening by Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

Speaking to students gathered at Beit Hillel, the President of the World Zionist Organization stressed that, to the rising generation of Jews abroad, Hitler will not remain a reality and even Israel will be "nothing special," unless Israel does something about it.

He pointed out that "Jews have it too good" in the Diaspora. Wealth and comfort are a danger to Jewish existence. In America, he said, young Jews qua Jews find they have nothing to fight against or for.

Jewishness is dying out among American Jewry and nothing but living contact with Israel can redeem the situation. But, Dr. Goldmann said, if you want to influence Jews abroad, you must take them into account, study them, understand and love them.

Honeymoon Not Eternal

The State's first ten years have been a honeymoon in relations between Israel and world Jewry. But this will not continue. Israel must act positively in order to preserve and nurture the ties.

Declaring that it is "silly" to think of American Jewry taking the place of East European communities as a cultural force, Dr. Goldmann said that, without Israel, there was no pivot or mainspring for Jewish consciousness in the United States.

But Israel will always be dependent on the Diaspora. No State in the modern world, however great, can really be completely independent, and Israel can resist the pressures of the Arab world only if she is backed, politically and culturally, by the Jewish people.

An understanding of this among young Israelis is essential because the present leadership of Israel, which still grew up in the Diaspora, will in due course be replaced by a new generation which has no direct knowledge of Jewish life abroad.

Urging his student audience to appreciate the history of Jewry in exile, Dr. Goldmann declared there was courage in the Diaspora no less than in the Israel of the Bible and of today. A nation, like a man, that attempts to blot out from its memory what it thinks of as unhappy will need a psychiatrist.

More Transits In February

A sharp drop in immigration but an increase in other movements to and from Israel was noted in February last, as compared with February 1957, according to Ministry of Interior figures.

Last month, 1,848 immigrants arrived (compared with 5,811 a year previously); 3,262 tourists came (1,943); and 2,265 left (1,889); 2,826 residents went abroad (2,165) and 1,822 residents returned in that month (1,446), while 457 residents left with the declared intent of emigrating (385).

Rare Recital For Haifa 'Westerners'

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The local branch of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel is to hold its annual membership meeting on Thursday, at Beit Hapakid at 8.30 p.m.

Dr. Peter Sher will perform on the claviolin, a musical instrument which can simulate the sounds of the violin, flute, bagpipes and other instruments and which has just been introduced to Israel, Mrs. Trudie Richman will sing international folk songs.

CONVICTS. — Guards at the state prison at Petros, Tennessee, yesterday used tear gas to break up a riot by 300 convicts.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israelis:—**
Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

JERUSALEM

• **Zoo:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8.30-5.

• **Exhibitions:—**
1) Permanent Exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. 2) Ancient Pottery from various civilisations from the museum's collections. 3) A preview of Primitive Sculpture. 4) Contemporary English graphics. 5) "Who Was Rembrandt?" Bezalel, 9-1, 2.30-5.

Permanent Exhibition of Antiquities. Recent finds: marble statue of Nemesis. Department of Antiquities, 2 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1, 3-5.

Paintings by Jerusalem Artists, for sale up to IL100. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

• **Tours:—**
Hebrew University Conducted Tour (in English), daily 10 a.m. Administration Bldg., New University Campus. Every Tuesday leaving Administration Bldg. 11 a.m. a visit to Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in New Medical Centre, Ein Karem. Phone (until Monday) 42980 for bookings.

Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Libraries:—**
Beaalel Museum. Sunday and Monday, 9-1; Tuesday and Thursday, 2-5

• **Theatre:—**
Habimah, "The Egg," Edison 9.

• **Lecture:—**
Mr. Baruch Bukerman, Spiritual Trends in American Jewry; Beit Hillel, Rehov Balfour, 8.45 p.m.

• **FORUM:—**
"The Municipality Answers Citizens' Questions," Hoverei Yerushalayim; Touring Club, Talbieh, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

• **Entertainments—**
Italian specialities. Lunch, Dinner. Luky's Bar-Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd., First class Italian menu at IL 5.

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• **Tourist Service —**
Visit Hadassah Club, 80 Rehov Hayarkon Tel. 28239.

• **Exhibitions:—**
Tchaikan Simon, Oils and Gouaches (Opening 8); Paintings by Tchiel Krise; Children's Art in the Kibbutz, Museum; 10-1, 4-7.

• **E.O.A. House—**
Tourist Service (9-9); Film Club Members only, (7 and 9.15).

• **Symposium—**
"Children's Paintings and Art Education," Museum, 8.30.

• **Circus:—**
Medrano, Malchei Yisrael, two perfs., 4.30, 8.30.

• **Theatre —**
Habimah, "Throw Him to The Dogs," 8.
Cameri, "Marius," New Hall, 8.

HAIFA

• **Tourist Service:—**
Visit Hadassah Club, 17 Jerusalem Stree., Tel. 4574.

HADERA

• **Theatre—**
Ohel, "A Cushy Job."

Michmoret Ships Shrimps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel will this year export 15 tons of cuttle-fish after the success of last year's trial shipment of 10 tons of shrimps to the U.S. which obtained prices of over $2,000 a ton.

This was announced yesterday by Mr. M. Shavit, Director of the Department of Fisheries in the Ministry of Agriculture. The cuttle-fish will be exported to Western Europe, while the shrimps, which are fished for from Michmoret, will be sent to the U.S.

Trial shipments of fresh fish were exported in the past year, Mr. Shavit said. Fifteen tons of sultan and sandfish were sold in Cyprus at prices no lower than those in Israel. The fish were transported in fishing boats fitted with cold-storage.

In view of the increase in the export of frozen fish, the Fishermen's Union will soon acquire a further freezing plant which will be able to process three tons of fish every 24 hours. The new plant will be bought in the U.S. for IL.80,000 of which the Ministry of Agriculture will lend the Union IL.18,000 without interest. The new fish-freezing plant will be situated at Kishon Harbour. At present only one freezing plant is in operation, in Haifa Port. It can handle one ton of fish in 24 hours.

Tanker from Japan In Use Next Year

Jerusalem Post Bureau

HAIFA, Tuesday. — In July, 1959, Israel will put into service its first supertanker just ordered in a Hiroshima shipyard.

This was announced today by Mr. Zvi Yehieli, a Zim Director, who last week signed a provisional contract in Japan on behalf of the Government for the building of a 46,000-ton $7.5m. vessel.

The contract grants the Israel Government an option for a second tanker of the same type which, if ordered, will be delivered at the end of next year. He described conditions of payment as "very favourable" and the price as lower than that of European yards.

The vessels will have an operational speed of 16 knots, their pumps can empty a 45,000 ton load of oil in 10 hours. Crew quarters will all be air-conditioned. Zim's technical personnel are now examining the specifications.

Haifa Girl's Advice To US Women: 'Join Army'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). —A 23-year-old Israel beauty, now in Hollywood to study motion picture technique, recommended army training for American women as a way to make them "much happier human beings."

The advice was offered by Hana Eden, from Haifa, in a story published yesterday in "The New York Daily Mirror." Miss Eden, a former Israel infantry lieutenant, had no regrets about the time she spent in uniform. "The army gave me a junior college education, taught me accounting, judo and how to take orders," she said. "It really is wonderful training for any woman — it unspoils you and you will always appreciate the little civilian luxuries much more."

After serving in both the army and the navy in Israel, she took a job with El Al and got to see the U.S., eventually settling in Hollywood to study movie technique. She hopes to direct films when she returns to Israel.

Miss Eden said she could not understand why American girls went into the services to do clerical work. "If you go into the army, it ought to be a physical adventure," she declared. "Army training — especially the regular hours — makes you healthier, but no less womanly. One thing we were taught in the army was child care," she added.

LUNG DISEASE CENTRE DEDICATION TODAY

A centre for the treatment of Respiratory Diseases in the name of Dr. Y. L. Rokach will be dedicated today at 6.30 p.m. at the Anti-tuberculosis League, 8 Rehov Laurel Yisrael, Romema, Jerusalem. (Buses number 1, 12, 15.)

The ceremony has been arranged by the Ministry of Health, Malben, Kupat Holim and the Anti-tuberculosis League.

G.Z. Settlers On Metulla Outskirts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD, Tuesday. — The first settlers have entered the new houses just completed on the outskirts of Metulla. The quarter is one of a chain of settlements being put up along the northern border by the Jewish Agency. The Metulla "suburb" settlers include youngsters from the village, and Sharon farmers and veterans from various towns, members of the General Zionist party who were recruited by the Farmers' Federation. They have been allotted 1,200 dunams of land.

The other settlements are Dovev, northwest of Bar-Am; Avivim, northeast of Kibbutz Yaron, and a new quarter at Alma village. The houses will be ready during the summer. Each family will get 17-and-a-half dunams of irrigated land and they are expected to plant fruit trees and tobacco as well as tend abandoned orchards.

Rothschild Monument Completed at Eilat

EILAT, Tuesday. — A 3-ton granite monument, to be erected at the tomb of the late James de Rothschild in London, has been completed here and transported to Haifa Port.

The memorial was made of granite from one of the local Even veSid quarries. Its design follows that of a stone more than 100 years old over the tomb in Vienna of a member of the Rothschild family.

The granite used for the monument was chosen by the widow from over 100 sample types sent to England at her request. *(Itim.)*

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
522, 349 38.3, 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew; 6.35, 7.00 & 7.55 a.m., 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 11.00 p.m.

English: 1.45 p.m. **French**: 2.00 p.m.

6.30 Religious Service (R). 6.37 Callisthenics. 6.47 Musical Clock (R).

12.00 M. Lunchtime Music — Soloist: Lena Horne (Vocalist). 12.30 "Housewife's Corner" — Requests.

4.30 News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Oriental Tunes. 5.30 "Youth Corner." 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Popular Songs and Tunes. 6.30 Hebrew Language Corner. 6.45 Tunes of the Nations. 7.15 The "Golden Gate" Quartet. 7.30 Programme on the Histadrut Activities. 7.50 Cantorial Requests. 8.15 "Everyday Hebrew." 8.30 The Citizen Wants to Know. 8.55 Bible Reading: Psalms, Chaps. 113-115. 9.15 "Newsreel." 9.30 Cello Recital by Laslo Vince with Ilona Vince (Piano)—Dvor (Milklos Roza); Two Pastorales (Martinu); Hungarian Folk Tunes (Tibor Polgar). 10.00 "Trap"—Suspense Programme. 10.30 On New Records.

SECOND PROGRAMME
422, 468, 298.7, 41.7 & 31.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.00 "We Present Tonight." 6.05 Mishna Lesson. 6.25 Chamber Music — String Quartet in D-minor "Death & the Maiden" (Schubert).

7.00 French, 7.30 Yiddish, 8.00 Rumanian, 8.15 Hungarian, 8.30 Ladino, 9.00 Interval, 9.15 Magrabit, 9.30 News in Easy Hebrew, 9.45 Polish, 10.00 News in English.

ARABIC PROGRAMME
491 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—9.45 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.):
Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News and Topical Talk by M. Pearlman. 6.50 "Editorial Opinion." 7.00 "Kol Yerushalayim"—Hebrew Lesson, by Judah Shuval. 7.15 Yiddish.

Programme to the U.K.: 11.30 News and Topical Talk by M. Pearlman. 11.50 "Editorial Opinion." Midnight Easy Hebrew Conversation.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 235 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Request Favourites. 7.00 News. 7.10 Battle Story. 7.30 Zahal Band. 8.00 "Among the Flags." 8.30 "Tunes & Men." 9.00 News. 9.15 "Two Goals." 10.00 Dance Music.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (13.84, 16.84 & 24.80 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, News Talk. "Matters of Jewish Interest."

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programmes — (434 & 485 M.): 13.30 Midday Melodies. 4.30 Mick Mulligan & his Band. 7.15 Poetry & Prose Programme. 10.00 "A Case for Dr. Morelle" — "The Gambler," 10.30 Light Music.

Carnelite Tested As Fertilizer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Experiments in the use as a fertilizer of carnelite the unrefined salt extracted from the Dead Sea, are nearing completion here, it was learned today. If successful, the elaborate and expensive refining process could be eliminated, and revolutionise fertilizer production.

The experiments are being conducted in the Beersheba laboratories of the Dead Sea Potash Works in conjunction with the Desert Research Institute of the Israel Research Council.

It is learned that the Dead Sea Works have already applied for the necessary patents.

The new fertilizer under experiment will also make use of magnesium salts contained in the Dead Sea. Magnesium is progressively becoming an important constituent in soil additives since many agricultural areas have become impoverished in the element from the protracted use of phosphate, potash, and nitrogenous fertilisers.

Research is also in progress on the adaptation of fertilizers for tropical areas, since potash produced at the Dead Sea Works is unsuitable for tropical climates.

Supervisory Office For Government Companies

The need to set up an Office to supervise the affairs of the various Government companies was explained yesterday by Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Finance Minister, in a meeting in Jerusalem with the heads of these companies, senior officials of the various Ministries, and the Director of the State Controller's Office.

Mr. D. Shafrir, the Director-designate of the new Office, said that he saw its main tasks as advising and helping Government companies while conducting a constant review of their affairs.

8,000 Tons Of Potatoes Released

More than 8,000 tons of potatoes which have been in cold storage for the past two months have been released for sale at 150 pruta a kilogram, the spokesman of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday.

The spokesman added that it had been decided not to ration potatoes as the spring harvest will be early this year, and there will be an uninterrupted supply in the future.

It is learned that agricultural circles are concerned lest the large supply of potatoes being put on the market clash with the sale of the spring potato harvest.

Survey of Ashdod Port Completed

No special difficulties on the shore or in the water, have been found which will cause unusual hardships in the construction of a deep water port at Ashdod, the Ministry of Transport spokesman announced yesterday. He was commenting on a report submitted by a French delegation which has been surveying the area, and which had picked out the exact site of the future port in the south.

The master plan for the port is to be drawn up by an American company.

AN ARBORETUM of North American plants is to be set up by the Hebrew University, with a gift of $10,000 made by Mr. Louis Wax, of Philadelphia.

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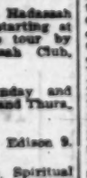


Concordia Trade and Industry Co. Ltd.
Notice of Creditors' Meetings

According to an Order of the District Court of Tel Aviv-Jaffa dated 11.2.1958 in Civil Case 615/58, all creditors of the a/m Company are hereby invited to the following meetings.

1. The secured creditors of the a/m Company shall meet on Monday, 17.3.1958 at 5.30 p.m. in the Lawyers' Office Dr. S. Wolf, 27 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv. 2. The shareholders of the a/m Company shall meet on the same date at 6 o'clock at the a/m address. 3. The creditors whose claims would have preference were the a/m Company wound up by the Court shall meet on Monday, 17.3.1958 at 6.30 p.m. in the Club of the Manufacturers' Association, 13 Rehov Montefiore, Tel Aviv. 4. The unsecured creditors of the a/m Company shall meet on the same date at 7 o'clock at the a/m address. On the agenda: An offer of compromise according to Section 217 of the Companies Ordinance, for a settlement between the a/m Company and its creditors. Particulars of the a/m offer may be received at Lawyers' Office Dr. S. Wolf, 27 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, every day between 4-7 o'clock.

Controller: Good Prospects For Phosphates Despite Losses

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Phosphates Works at Oron are developing favourably, the State Controller, Dr. S. Moses, said in a report made public yesterday. The report was on Monday submitted to members of the Knesset Finance Committee for study.

The Controller stated: "It is possible to say that, in the final analysis, the Phosphates Works present a favourable picture of development, although the company is still beset by many difficulties and its balance sheet of March 3, 1957 shows losses. Management of the enterprises is generally smooth and orderly. There are possibilities of improving the marketable product by steadily increasing production."

The Company is owned 90 per cent by the Government and 10 per cent by Fertilizers and Chemicals.

The Report describes the company's progress from its foundation in 1952 until the end of August, 1958, as well as in part of 1957.

It is noted that "a concentration of 28 per cent of phosphoric oxide (P_2O_5) is considered the lowest possible to mine commercially for the production of superphosphates."

Low Content

The Negev phosphates average about 23 per cent. However, due to the refining process, the percentage was increased from 21-22 per cent in 1952/53, to 26 per cent, and then 27.5 per cent. In the following years, until it reached 28.4 per cent in 1955/56. However, this was done by discarding quantities of the raw material.

Output has steadily increased, from 16,500 tons in 1952/53 to 114,000 tons in 1956/57 with an estimated output of 160,000 tons in the current (1957/58) fiscal year.

The report states that the first three years of production were mainly entrenchment years, while from 1955/56 onwards the Works began producing commercial quantities. According to a 10-year plan drawn up in 1955, the Works should have met all local needs in 1965/66. Ten years later it should be producing 850,000 tons annually.

Losses Dropping

The plan visualized 1958/59 as the turning point in the profit-loss ledger, for then the Works should begin covering expenditures, including amortization and interest on loans. However, the plan also visualized a railway to the Negev mining site. This line has been laid only as far south as Beersheba.

The losses of the Works, although still considerable, have been dropping year by year.

Total costs for the five years were IL7,041,000 and income IL4,626,000, leaving a deficit of IL2,415,000. In 1952/54, costs were IL1,300,000 while income was only IL316,000, leaving a deficit of IL984,000. By 1956, with costs at IL2,560,000 and income at IL2,210,000, the loss had dropped to IL350,000.

Discussing the deficit, the Report indicates that it was partly caused by factors over which the Works had no control.

Prices Compared

For example, the Fertilizers and Chemicals company, which produces superphosphates and is the only local purchaser, paid the Works IL22,500 a ton plus IL7 a ton haulage costs to Haifa. Imported phosphates of similar quality would have cost IL25,200 a ton plus IL8 for transport.

Moreover, haulage costs remained high because of the failure to build the railway to the mines. With the opening of the Beersheba-Haifa railway, haulage costs dropped from IL9,750 to IL7,070 a ton.

But the Works had control over several factors, such as introducing work norms. This had been done only in collecting the raw material.

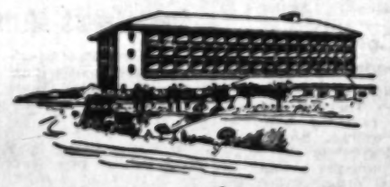
Enriching the final product was possible by several methods. The present wasteful mechanical method was still being used, although the changeover was gradually being made to other methods.

Expensive Savings

Discussing the profitability of the enterprise, it was noted that in 1956/57, the firm supplied 68,000 tons to the local market. This was a saving of $700,000 in foreign currency. Producing this quantity of phosphates had cost IL1,200,000. Therefore, each dollar saved had cost the country less than IL1.800.

However, as regards income from foreign sales, 29,000 tons had been exported, bringing in $180,000 in foreign currency. Production and marketing had cost IL800,000. This means that each dollar earned had cost IL4.500.

It was noted that this figure would drop considerably in the next few years when the plant was working at full production.



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Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Pop. Loan 1949/50 (IL.10)	100
4% Comp. Loan 56/57	73½
Pal. Reuter Bds. Ser. 3	94½
3½% Comp. Loan	—
3½% War Loan 54/59	95
3½% Yavni (Dollar z)	87½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	91½
Ind. Loan Bonds 62½ f)	100
4½% Def. Bonds f)	99½
4½% Def. Bonds g)	100
4½% Loc. C. Debs. f)	95½
4½% Loc. C. Debs. g)	101
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (LEs.)	100
6½% Bonds 58/65 f)	102
ditto g)	100½
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6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	97½
ditto g)	100½
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ditto g)	99
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6½% Deb. 58/65 f)	99½
Rassco 6½% Deb. 58/65	
Class "A" f)	97½
Class "B" g)	100½
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	150
Bezer Savings Cert. '59	93½
Bk. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. "B" reg.	102½
Ata ord. "B" sh.	78½
"Hardasch" ord. "B"	76½
7% con. debs. 59/68	74½
"Tnuva" ord. sh.	82
Pal. Cold St. ord. sh. reg.	120
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg.	86
Bezer 6% debs. 56/65	98½
Nir 8% pref. sh.	89
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	74½
Rassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	83½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	74
5% debs.	77
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	89
Moller ord. sh. reg.	1150
Pal. Brewery 9% con. debs.	97½
Assis Rejarano "B" sh.	73
Nesher 6% debs "A" 52/64	113
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	57
Dead Sea Works	
5% Deb. reg.	217½
Delek ord. sh. "C"	82½
Mehorot pref. sh.	70½
Jordan Exploration Co. Ord. sh. reg.	80

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BANK OF ISRAEL APPOINTMENT

The Government has nominated Mr. Y. Horin as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel, replacing Mr. Y. Levi, who has been appointed Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture in February. According to the Bank of Israel Law a Civil Servant cannot serve on the Bank's Advisory Committee.

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

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Notice to the Public

Personal Compensation from Germany

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At the request of interested persons, the Foreign Currency Division of the Ministry of Finance will make available in Haifa, from March 18 until March 26, 1958, an official who will be able to grant, in urgent cases only, authorization for the transferring of Power of Attorney to Germany. Applicants for said authorization should contact the Treasury, Barclays Bank Bldg., Derech Ha'atzmaut, Haifa, daily during office hours.

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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Fair with rise in temperatures.

Weather Synopsis: High pressure area over Iraq dominates the Eastern Mediterranean and is causing fine weather in all areas.

	*A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	—	6	19	17
Tiberias	—	10	25	20
Haifa Port	67	12	20	21
Natanya	57	8	21	23
Tel Aviv Kirya	60	8	20	22
Tel Aviv Port	70	10	18	19
Lydda Airport	62	6	19	24
Jerusalem	30	5	19	20
Beersheba	19	12	26	27
Sdom	26	12	28	27
Eilat	26	14	27	28

*A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. yesterday. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. D.P. Gotlieb, of the Wiso Executive in Canada, to participate in the sessions of the Zionist General Council and in the plenary sessions of the Wiso World Executive.

DEPARTURES

The Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Abba Khoushy, for Europe, on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization.

Lord and Lady Kilmarnock, after a 10-day visit as guest of the Migdal Insurance Company, (by B.E.A.).

Seventy-eight leaders of B'nai B'rith in the U.S., after a visit of two weeks, to Paris.

Mr. N.L. Lifshits, Managing Director of the Workers Bank, and Mr. A.L. Pincus, for South Africa for the Israel-American Industrial Development Bank Ltd.

Mr. Nathan Jacobson, Vice-President of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand, (by Swissair).

Miss Lisa Sergio, for New York, after a three week visit as a guest of the Israel Bond Organization.

THE WATER supply and telephone line to Moshav Zavdiel near Ashkelon have been cut off by Mekorot and the Post Office because the settlement has failed to pay its bills. For the last two weeks, Zavdiel has received no water, except for drinking purposes a few hours a day.

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THE PESSAH recess of the Courts will commence on April 4 and end on April 11. During this period no cases will be heard by the High Court, the District Courts, or Magistrate's Courts, except by order of the President of the court concerned or by the Chief Magistrate respectively, or by the Director of Courts Administration.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

The Struggle for Independence

March 12, 1948

A top-ranking officer of the Arab military staff was among the 20 Arabs killed this morning in a punitive raid by a Haganah squad on Kafr Husseiniya, about five kilometres southwest of Lake Hula.

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The U.N. Partition Plan for Palestine could not be modified by the Palestine Commission, the Big Four were told today in a unanimous reply by the Commission to questions submitted to it.

La Scala Troupe Here for I.P.O. Tour

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The conductor, Carlo Maria Giulini, and four soloists of La Scala Opera in Milan arrived by El Al today to appear with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert version of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." The premiere performance will take place in the Mann Auditorium on March 16.

Carlo Giulini

Shanta Rao Troupe Gives T.A. Premiere

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The first performance in Israel of the Shanta Rao Indian Ballet was given at the Ohel Shem Hall in Tel Aviv tonight.

In the audience were the Japanese Minister and Mrs. K. Negishi; the Burmese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Maung Gala, and Baroness Bathsheba de Rothschild, one of the sponsors of the tour. The scenery had not arrived in time for the performance and the male dancers were unable to appear. The sets are expected for tomorrow's show.

At a press conference at the Dan Hotel here yesterday, Shanta Rao announced that her troupe has been invited to perform before the Indian contingents of the U.N. expeditionary forces stationed in the Gaza Strip.

The 27-year-old dancer, dressed in a richly-coloured sari and rubies, explained the sources of her dances, which come from the villages of India where she had learned from the masters the three major classic styles of Indian dancing — the Kathakali, Bharata Nayam and Mohini.

The troupe are presenting two programmes here, one comprising seven items, and the second, three dances, including a solo performance by Miss Rao.

'A Man is a Jew When he Says He's a Jew'—Ministry Directive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"A Jew is any person honestly describing himself as a Jew." This definition, given by Moshe Sharett in 1946, is incorporated in instructions sent this week by the Ministry of Interior to its district registration offices.

In general, registration officials are obliged to accept the word of persons registering particulars of personal status including the fact of marriage however contracted.

At a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, called to explain the regulations, the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Yitzhak Shvo, pointed out that registration officials are not judges and where there is no obvious attempt to deceive them, they must accept the word of the registrant.

Although the instructions are not new, Mr. Shvo said, it was found necessary to circulate them now in view of the need to clarify various complexities which have arisen since the current laws on the subject were passed in 1950.

Up to Date Precedents

Various Supreme Court judgments have been issued in the meantime, on a variety of points in connection with the authority of the religious courts to adjudicate various matters of marriage and divorce. These have been drawn on in preparing the present instructions.

The instructions note that, because the information on which it is based is not necessarily substantiated, the identity card is not accepted by the rabbinical courts as proof of marital status.

They further lay down that consuls may not perform a civil marriage between two Jews of foreign nationality.

A declaration by both parents that their child is Jewish is as binding as such a declaration by the child, even if one of the parents is not Jewish. The fact that Jewish law provides that a child takes the religion of the mother need not concern the registration officer. It is possible that the applicable law of personal status provides that the child has the religion of its father, the instructions note.

The legal basis of the newly-phrased regulations derives from the following note of the Attorney-General:

"There are religious rulings which differ in content and nature from the secular; the fact that according to "the Law of Moses and of Israel" a man is considered non-Jewish does not prevent that man from being considered a Jew as regards the law of the State, and vice versa; there is no contradiction between the two.

"Even the fact that, according to the Law of Moses and of Israel, a woman is married does not prevent the law from regarding her as though she were a divorcee.

"The inherent difficulties likely to arise do so owing to the dichotomy between the religious and general courts; as long as this dichotomy exists we have to accept its basis regardless of the difficulties into which we may be led."

Higher Rates Barred If Budget Not in Time

Jerusalem Post Bureau

Local authorities, including municipalities, which propose to increase rates in the 1958/59 fiscal year which begins on April 1 will not be allowed to do so if their detailed budgets are not presented to the Ministry of Interior within a week or so after the official deadline this Saturday night.

Announcing this yesterday, the Ministry spokesman said it is felt that the citizen has the right to know at the beginning of the fiscal year what rates he will have to pay.

If full budget proposals are not presented for the Ministry's scrutiny within the proper time, then only the current rates will be authorized.

So far, the proposals of 37 local authorities have been approved. None of these asked for higher rates. To the knowledge of the Ministry, no locality has suggested lowering its rates.

The increases voted by the Tel Aviv and Haifa municipalities were received by the Ministry yesterday. The Jerusalem Council is meeting this afternoon to discuss its Finance Committee's proposal for a 10 per cent general increase.

The Ministry will not reject out of hand all proposals for higher rates but each case will be carefully studied in the light of local needs, the spokesman said.

Budgets for the year 1958/59 were passed last night by these local councils and municipalities:

Tiberias — a budget of IL1.3m. and a rates rise of 25 per cent.
Hadera — a IL1.6m. budget.
Eilat — a budget of IL589,600. The Government's share in this sum will be some IL60,000. Property Tax in Eilat will rise by five per cent.
Rehovot — rates to rise by 15 per cent on apartments, shops and businesses and by 10 per cent in working-class districts.
Shafir District Council — a budget of IL870,125 passed by the District Representative. Government participation will come to IL460,000.

Eight Unineculated Children Get Polio

Polio incidence rose last month for the first time since the Salk vaccination campaign was inaugurated. Eight children contracted the illness.

There were two cases in January and no cases at all in the same period last year.

All the children were under one year of age and had not been inoculated, the Ministry of Health spokesman stated yesterday.

He said the rise did not have an epidemiological significance and attributed it to regular "fluctuations."

Austrian Jewry Mourn War Dead

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday.—All organizations of Austrian immigrants (which have amalgamated recently) this evening held a joint memorial meeting for the Jewish victims of the Hitler regime and his Austrian helpers. The service was held on the 20th anniversary of the *Anschluss*.

The meeting was opened by Dr. S. Shoenblum. Judge Y. Lamm was in the chair.

Sapir's Bangkok Visit Seen Stimulating Trade

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Brighter prospects for trade relations with Thailand have resulted from the visit of the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Pinhas Sapir, to Bangkok, it is understood. Mr. Sapir is now in Rangoon for a one-week visit following five days in the Thai capital.

During his visit to Thailand, Mr. Sapir was received by the Prime Minister and other Cabinet members. He also had discussions with banking and commercial leaders. It is understood that talks on the establishment of commercial relations will be continued by Israel's representative in Bangkok.

On the completion of his tour in Burma, Mr. Sapir is scheduled to leave by the Far Eastern route for the U.S. It is understood that he plans to discuss with American officials the terms of the development loan which is repayable in Israel currency.

To U.S. to Confer On Export-Import Loan

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Mr. Ra'anan Weitz, Director of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department, and Mr. A. Weiner, Chief Engineer of Tahal, the Israel water planning agency, left today by El Al for New York to confer with representatives of the Export-Import Bank on allocations from the recently approved $36.2m. loan.

They will confer for two weeks with the Bank's Management to determine which of Israel's development and irrigation programmes are to be approved by the Bank as being most urgent.

(Plans submitted to the Bank by Israel were devised for the original request of $75m.) *(Itim)*

Locusts Vanish From Negev

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Locusts spotted yesterday at Hatzava in the Negev have disappeared and have not been seen elsewhere. Plant Protection Department personnel turned out today with sprayers but the enemy had fled.

It is believed that the locusts returned to Jordan and to the Sinai Desert. *(Itim)*

Ashkelon Protests S. African Withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON, Tuesday. — A general meeting of citizens of the Afridar neighbourhood unit of Ashkelon decided tonight to appeal to the South African Zionist Federation that it take over the Ashkelon project and sponsor it in the spirit in which it was originally conceived.

Alternatively, if the Federation is unable or unwilling to do so, the meeting demanded that any public body taking over from the Afridar Housing Corporation preserve the unique character of the town.

The meeting climaxed three days of uncertainty arising from a statement allegedly made by Mr. Selwyn Lourie, Managing Director of Afridar to members of his staff that the South Africans wished to withdraw from Ashkelon and to liquidate all the assets of the company.

The Government holds half of Afridar's shares, and at a meeting of the Board of Directors on Sunday, Mr. J. Tesne, on behalf of the Government, rejected any idea of liquidation.

Mr. L. A. Pincus, Chairman of the Afridar Board and Vice-Chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, has flown to South Africa on business and is expected to clarify the South African viewpoint at the same time.

Drought Sufferers Promised Aid

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government is studying the problem of crop damage caused by this year's drought and will extend fullest possible aid to farmers affected, Mr. Kadish Luz, Minister of Agriculture, said in the Knesset last night.

He was speaking during the introduction of his Ministry's 1958/59 budget to its second reading.

Mr. Luz said the lack of rain has already killed this year's crops on between 70 to 80 thousand dunams of farm land, as well as 200,000 dunams of Beduin crops. Unless a change in the weather occurred soon, there was a danger of 30,000 more dunams being lost.

The budget was introduced for its second reading by Mr. I. Guri, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who noted that it had been upped by IL25m. to extend further help to the new agricultural settlement. The total Ministry budget now stood at IL352m., of which IL10.2m. was in the regular budget; IL120.6m. in the development budget while the national water was allocated IL11.2m.

On the subsidy question, Mr. Luz said many subsidies had been granted not for the sake of the farmer nor to encourage a particular branch of agriculture but to reduce prices for the consumer. Vegetables, fruit and eggs were an example of this, he said.

But the subsidies did not always achieve their purpose. When a shortage occurred of a particular commodity, the retail price very often rose over the official price. Consumers, therefore, did not always achieve the full benefit of the subsidy and large sums went into the pockets of the middlemen. In addition, the lower price somtimes created an artificial shortage, he said.

WAGES

(Continued from Page One)

cept for maintenance payments.

Execution of the law will be made through wage collection officers, to be appointed by the Minister of Labour. The officers, upon application by the employee or an association representing him, may issue a "wage payment order" which shall have the weight of a final district court judgment.

Wages calculated on an hourly, daily, weekly, or piecework basis must be paid semi-monthly, unless agreed otherwise, and the fine will apply from the 16th day following the due date.

Payment for individual jobs which last longer than 14 days is due upon completion of the work, with the fine applying from the 16th day following.

Namir, Mapam Trade Threats

In a sharp exchange on the severance pay provision of the Wage Protection Law, the Labour Minister, Mr. Mordecai Namir, told Mapam Knesset Members Y. Riftin and H. Rubin: "You sit in the Government and behave like the Opposition."

Mr. Riftin: A Coalition is not an Army regiment, and in an honest discussion...

Mr. Namir: An honest party quits the Government if it cannot live within it.

Mr. Riftin: It may be that for the good of the working class we shall leave the Government.

Mr. Namir: Be honest

Mr. Rubin: I object to that expression. We are not satellites of Mapai.

Where a wage increase is agreed on, to take retroactive effect, the differential is to be paid together with the next wage payment. However, the wage collection officer may permit the payment to be made in instalments.

An employer who is required to contribute to a provident fund must make payment within 42 days after the payment of wages.

Severance Pay

There was a debate between Mr. Almogi and Mr. Ya'acov Riftin (Mapam) on the question of severance pay. The bill provides that severance pay which is due under a collective agreement or a labour contract or by custom, shall be paid, in the absence of other agreement, at the time fixed by the wage collection officer.

Mr. Riftin said that although about two years ago the Supreme Court had called attention to the need for a law governing severance pay, no such law had yet been enacted. He thought that advantage should be taken of the present law to provide, without qualification, that severance pay should be paid in all cases, and at the time fixed by the wage collection officer.

In his reply, Mr. Almogi said that although he, too, had been in favour of a law providing for severance pay, the Government had convinced him that the question was a complex one, and might better be solved through the provision in the Collective Agreements Law providing for the enlargement of collective wage agreements to entire industries.

Lost Ring Returned From Yugoslavia

A gold ring which made its way from Israel to Yugoslavia in an orange crate returned to Israel yesterday and is now awaiting its owner at the Lost Property Office of the Jerusalem Police.

It is thought that the ring fell from the hand of an orange packer into the crate which was closed before the loss was discovered and sent to Belgrade.

A Yugoslav greengrocer, Drajan Stepanovitch, discovered the ring among the oranges on opening the crate and after examining it saw two Hebrew letters inscribed. He took the ring to the Israel diplomatic representative in Belgrade from where it was sent to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Tel Aviv Importer Fined IL17,500

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A fine of IL17,500 for not transferring to Israel $51,000 in foreign currency was imposed today on a Tel Aviv provisions importer, described as "one of the biggest and most experienced merchants in the country." The merchant, Ditter Silberstein, 54, pleaded guilty.

District Attorney Y. Bar Or told the Anti-Profiteering Court that Silberstein had earned the $51,000 in commission on the imports of foodstuffs and cattle feed. From 1952 to 1954 he was even given a room in the offices of the Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Silberstein, in that period, it was said, controlled nearly all imports of foodstuffs brought into Israel through the U.S. grant.

Mr. Bar-Or charged that Silberstein had made "huge sums" on Government purchases and deposited his commissions in foreign currency abroad.

Silberstein was questioned on these earnings by the Finance Ministry in 1954. He told the police that he "kept his accounts in his head and not in books." After his books were "deciphered" by the police, Silberstein gave the Finance Ministry power of attorney to impound all his foreign currency accounts abroad.

Up till a year ago, the District Attorney said, $7,000 were recovered from the U.S., £1,000 from England, and 3,000 florins from Holland.

Silberstein's counsel pleaded that only through his client's cooperation with the police had the matter come to light. He had already been penalized by being barred from bidding in Government import tenders, it was said.

A six months' suspended sentence demanded by the prosecution was also passed on the accused. Magistrate M. Rubin declared that were it not for the long time elapsed since the offence he would have sent Silberstein to prison.

Two representatives of the public were also on the bench. *(Itim)*

Army Plans Year of Shows

Jerusalem Post Reporter

While the big Army parade this year will be staged in Jerusalem, three night military shows will be repeated in the Ramat Gan Stadium during the Independence Day festivities, the Defence Forces spokesman, Sgan-Aluf Shaul Ramati, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

S/A Ramati declared that the military's participation in the Tenth Year Anniversary celebrations would be spread out over the whole year.

On the morning of April 15, the President would give a reception for 110 soldiers who had distinguished themselves during the past year. Memorial Day this year will be on April 23, and services will be held in all military cemeteries.

Independence Day will be opened on Mt. Herzl by the Speaker of the Knesset on the night of April 23. The first Army show will be put on in the Ramat Gan stadium before 50,000 on that night. In Haifa, naval units will fire salvoes.

The parade in Jerusalem, in which from 4,000 to 5,000 are to participate, will take place at 3 p.m. on April 24 in the new stadium which will seat about 17,000. No planes will take part.

In the evening the exercises at the Ramat Gan stadium will be repeated. In Haifa, naval units will go through simple manoeuvres and will set off fireworks. The third show at Ramat Gan will be held on Saturday night, April 26.

Ramat Gan stadium will also be the scene of a Gadna exercise on June 19 at the end of the Gadna convention. The Women's Corps, Chen, will put on a special display on June 4 for visiting ladies of Hadassah and Wizo.

A parachute demonstration is scheduled for Ashkelon on June 23, and a three-day naval manoeuvre off Haifa and Acre from July 13 to 15.

Air Force Day on August 13 will feature a sky show that will stretch the length and breadth of the country. The Armoured Corps will display its wares and skill in Tel Aviv on October 29.

In addition to these, the Defence Forces will have a special section in the Tenth Anniversary Exhibition to be held in Jerusalem this summer. Special efforts are also being made to provide weekly tours for tourists to military bases.

20 YOUNGSTERS from Talpiot *ma'barra* kindergartens, Jerusalem, were entertained yesterday by the police. The children rode the horses at the police stables and toured the city streets in prowl cars.

Engineers Hold Protest Strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Over 700 salaried engineers stopped work at most here today to join the country-wide protest demonstrations called by union heads in protest against the breakdown in negotiations with the Histadrut leadership over wage rises.

The rally at the Ohel Theatre approved by acclamation the Union Centre's call for a work break for today and a general strike to begin March 24 if their demands are not met.

The Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. P. Lavon, today published an open letter to members of the Union Centre in the Histadrut paper "Davar" wherein he asked them to reconsider. He recalled that during negotiations most of the engineers' demands had been met by the Histadrut but had broken down over the Union's demand for double seniority pay.

The Histadrut had agreed that the maximal seniority pay would reach 20 per cent of the engineers' salary, whilst the Union demanded 30 per cent.

Mr. Lavon pointed out that strike action against the Histadrut by a constituent union was unprecedented in the history of the country's labour movement.

In Haifa, some 700 engineers attended a protest meeting at the Beitenu cultural Centre. The meeting was held from 12 till 2, and most engineers were absent from work for some three hours.

T.A. High School Teachers May Strike

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Municipal secondary school system is faced with a walk-out of its teachers within the next few days if the City does not agree to the teachers' demand that it contribute to their pensions funds.

The Teachers Union has asked the Mayor to receive a delegation, but Mr. Lovatsen has not yet acknowledged their request, it is learned.

PORT GO-SLOW STRIKE ENDS

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The go-slow strike of the citrus-loading port stevedores ended this afternoon, 36 hours after it began. A delegation will meet the Internal Revenue Commissioner in Jerusalem tomorrow.

During the 24 hours which ended at 8 a.m. this morning, the men loaded 42,700 cases, just about half of what they might have moved from shore to ships had they worked at top speed. They slowed down yesterday morning in order to press the income tax authorities to grant them a privileged 15 per cent rate on all their substantial premium earnings.

The lower rate now applies only to premium earnings up to 30 per cent above normal pay. If the premium exceeds that percentage, income tax claims a much bigger slice, and the men feel that what remains is not enough to justify the extra effort.

Programme for More Realistic Welfare Grants to Be Tried

By MALKA RABINOWITZ, Jerusalem Post Reporter

A revolutionary change in the system of social welfare allocations to bring it more in line with actual living costs is to be introduced experimentally by the Ministry of Social Welfare, it is learned.

Instead of the present method of giving flat sums according to arbitrary categories (i.e., child of invalid, child of widow, aged single person, invalid single person), allocations would be made simply according to basic need.

A plan to try this system out experimentally has been formulated by Ministry of Welfare officials on the basis of recommendations submitted by a U.N. expert, Prof. Philip Klein. Now acting as advisor to the Ministry, Prof. Klein has prepared a memorandum on the subject which terms Israel's present assistance practice as "a survival of the discredited dole system, which stands in strange contrast with the democratic ideals of an advanced labour state."

According to Prof. Klein, who is Professor Emeritus of the New York School of Social Work, the contrast between the general subsistence level and the present Israel standards of relief are "staggering." The current rate of benefits represents in many cases "starvation levels," the expert declares.

The memorandum — which will be introduced to a meeting of the Social Welfare Council today by Dr. S. Rosenberg, Deputy Minister of Social Welfare — points out that while current food requirements average IL34 per person per month present welfare food allocations begin at IL3.500.

The Council is a public advisory body to the Ministry.

To Be Tried This Year

Dr. Rosenberg told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that a plan had been drafted to try out the new scheme on an experimental basis during the coming year. Relief allocations would be given according to need in four different places, representing a cross-section of persons receiving welfare assistance.

The purpose of the experiment is two-fold, Dr. Rosenberg stated. It will clarify the extent of income that needy persons receive outside welfare allocations, and on the basis of this, will give an idea how much the plan would cost on a national scale and whether it is budgetarily feasible.

The experimental sites have not yet been chosen, but they would include an established town; a ma'bara; a ma'bara which has become incorporated with a municipality and a new immigrant shikun.

Dr. Rosenberg said no estimate could yet be made of how much this new system would cost. What is clear is that municipal authorities would have to take over a substantial share of the burden.

Direct allocations to the needy account for IL8.2m. in the Social Welfare Ministry's draft budget for the coming year (plus IL2.6m. for child welfare), which is an increase of IL1m. over the allocations last year.

Cables in Brief

JEWESS. — Six daughters of the former Bey of Tunis and the wife of Prince Slah Eddine the Bey's son, have handed over their jewels to the Tunis police during investigations into allegations that the Royal family hid valuables which the state had ordered to be confiscated usually well informed sources reported yesterday.

STUDENTS. — A new state examination was suspended at Naples University yesterday after a group of students seized the papers and distributed them to friends outside due to take the examination.

RAILMEN. — More than 120,000 Japanese train crew and ticket inspectors left their posts yesterday in a wave of pay strikes affecting railway companies throughout Japan.

DEAD. — Academician Alexander Vinter, "the greatest Soviet power expert," died in Moscow on Sunday aged 80, Moscow Radio reported. He is known in Russia as the builder of the Dnieprostroi hydroelectric power station.

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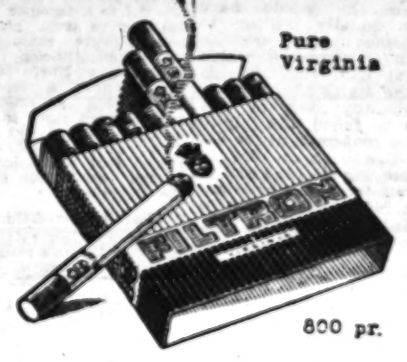

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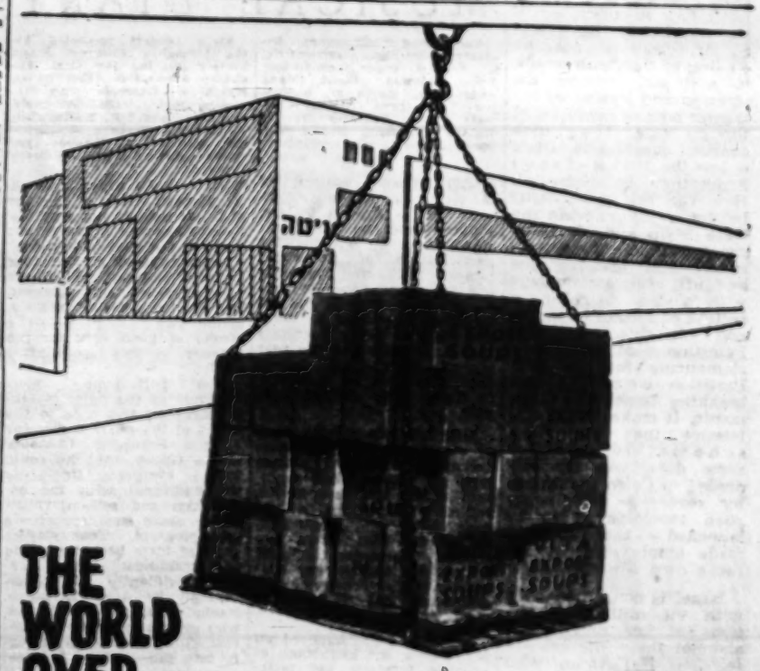

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UNION STRESSES

INSIDE Nasser's Arab Union all is not yet smooth. Unity as a distant aspiration is more satisfactory, and more inspiring of co-operative endeavour and political goodwill, than the practical problems of unity already achieved, and to be operated with the aid of politicians who have not yet emerged from the feudal age. That is not to say that the aspiration will be dropped again, though it is by now at least doubtful whether the Egyptian - Syrian double republic will survive in that precise form for more than a short period.

Nasser's aim, after all, is not union with Syria specifically, but the gradual domination of the Arab and African world. Had circumstances been even a little different, he would have been happy to begin by means of the union with the Sudan which he attempted, and which the Sudanese repulsed, confirming their stand in the elections just completed. Again, he would have been equally willing to announce "union" with an Arab Palestine in which Israel had been reduced to the status of a helpless community; but in this also he failed, the failure being confirmed in the Sinai Campaign of 1956. It is due only to his peculiar genius for public relations that he has been able to represent himself as constantly successful.

The underlying idea of Arab unity is not Nasser's alone, though he has been able to hitch this powerful motive force to his plans. But his union loses its essential appeal to the Arab masses as soon as it is challenged by another Arab Federation, as soon as doubts could arise in a Syrian's mind, or in that of an Arab refugee in Gaza, whether perhaps the Western brand of Arab union might not in the long run be better to live in and more independent than Nasser's. If a bubble has a flaw it bursts, and if the top-heavy Egyptian-Syrian Union is not the darling of the Arab world, it will not survive the stresses and strains of intrigues born of centuries of foreign rule. The Union cannot consolidate itself unless the Jordan - Iraqi Federation is destroyed. How can this most easily be done? By offering the Gaza Strip and its refugee population "independence," and planting the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem there with a view to getting a section of Jordan to secede and join this fragmented Palestine State, and then clamouring for the 1947 Partition borders and breaking Israel into fragments. It makes little difference that the Gaza scheme, rumoured for some days, was officially denied in Cairo yesterday, for sooner or later some such campaign is to be launched — that has been made amply clear by Israel's own Communists.

Israel is concerned only with the military intentions of her neighbours, and not their internal affairs. If Haj Amin, who caused so much Jewish blood to be wantonly spilled in the past should become lord of Gaza, Israel will not like it, but would scarcely take action on that score; should there be any sign, however, that Egyptian troops have forgotten the lesson of 1956 and chose to reactivate border fighting, then no doubt the end would ultimately be as before.

THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE

By AMNON BARTUR

BAGHDAD JOINS BATTLE WITH NASSER

ABDUL Nasser launched his first open attack on the "Arab Federated State" in Damascus on February 26 — less than two weeks after he had cabled his congratulations to King Faisal of Iraq calling the Iraqi-Jordan federation "a blessed step to which the whole Arab nation has looked forward." The assault was fierce and uncompromising; it was concentrated on two Iraqis: Foreign Minister, Burhan ed-Din Bash'ayan, and the pro-Western politician, Dr. Fadil Jamali, and on Jordan's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Samir el-Rifa'i. The U.A.R. ruler called them traitors and agents of imperialism, adding that their days were numbered and the establishment of the United Arab Republic was a nail in their coffins.

Only four days after Abdul Nasser's attack, the Iraqi Cabinet of Abdul Wahab Mirjan tendered its resignation, and a few hours afterwards Nuri es-Said formed a new Cabinet. Inevitably, Cairo and Damascus took up the theme that Mirjan's "fall" was a direct result of Abdul Nasser's speech. "Only 24 Hours After Gamal's Address," screamed the Cairo Press! The dictator's own mouthpiece, "Al - Ahram," wrote jubilantly: "Mirjan's fall is an expression of the will of the Iraqi people. Mirjan ignored the people's will, and the people have turned against him..."

No Victory

The theory was widely accepted that the resignation was a victory for Abdul Nasser in his first encounter with the new Hashemite federation. There is abundant evidence to show that Mirjan's resignation was indeed caused, or at least accelerated, by Abdul Nasser's attack; yet there is no indication that it constituted a victory for the Egyptian ruler.

Ever since the proclamation of the United Arab Republic there was talk of Nuri's imminent return to power to provide the strong Cabinet which the then mooted union with Jordan was thought to require. The idea seems to have been discarded, probably out of a desire not to antagonise Nasser too soon to avoid giving a demonstrative character to the union. Although Mirjan is known as Nuri's man, he had acquired a reputation for desiring an inter-Arab reconciliation more than the strongly anti-Nasser Nuri. This was considered a guarantee that the union with Jordan would not provoke the Egyptians.

Anti-Nasser Cabinet

It is therefore safe to assert that Mirjan's resignation signified no retreat on the part of the anti-Nasser elements in Iraq; quite the contrary. Mirjan's Cabinet included only one of the two Iraqis whom Nasser singled out for attack — Bash'ayan. Nuri's new government also includes American-educated Fadil Jamali, Iraq's chief spokesman against Abdul Nasser and the Egypt-Syria union. He is now Foreign Minister, Nuri himself, of course, cannot be considered more accommodating to the Egyptians than his predecessor. It is also difficult to see what comfort Cairo could derive from the nomination, as Deputy Premier, of the veteran Iraqi politician, Tawfiq es-Suwaidi, who recently accompanied Nuri and Jamali to the Baghdad Pact parley in Ankara.

After the Plebiscite: Abdul Nasser acknowledges the cheers of Cairo crowds as he drives through the streets (top) and addresses a crowd from the Egyptian capital's Presidential Palace (bottom).

Express Photo

Abdul Nasser's sudden appearance in force this side of Suez, coupled with an all-out offensive against people who consider themselves the rightful masters of the Fertile Crescent and the guardians of Syria, thus seems, if anything, to have awakened the Iraqis to the new realities surrounding them.

Yet Nuri's Cabinet is not the strong one which the Jordanians expected it to be; they had hoped for quick and effective action — and for the withdrawal of Iraq from the Baghdad Pact. Of the new Ministers, the only one that can be called an "activist" is Dr. Jamali. He is, at any rate, the most outspoken against Abdul Nasser's policies and the only Iraqi politician who can meet the articulate spokesmen of the anti-colonialist slogans of Nasserism on their own ground. For all his almost paranoiac attacks against Israel and his favourite practice of linking together the Communist and the Zionist dangers, his own brand of anti-Communism can be considered an effective alternative to the kind of propaganda with which Cairo and Damascus have been feeding the better-educated members of the new generation of Arabs everywhere.

Listing the factors which prevented Iraq from effecting a union with Syria, Dr. Jamali, writing in his own newspaper "Al-Amal" on February 14, accused Iraqi statesmen of lack of courage, undue caution, self-centredness and isolationism. He said his country had been too considerate to other Arab countries, put too much store by what they said; now Egypt comes and annexes Syria without paying any attention to the feelings of other Arab countries! The time, he concludes, has come for Iraq to act.

The Break with Saud

In this connection, Nasser's decision to break with King Saud — the one Arab ruler, besides the Lebanese, who had tried his best to be out of the ex-Colonel's reach — has come as a godsend to the Iraqis.

NO one has so far furnished a satisfactory explanation for Abdul Nasser's choosing precisely this moment to break with Saud. The plot he claims to have unearthed against U.A.R. and his own person is too transparent an invention to be taken seriously; the Arab Bank in Riadh has since denied having issued the cheques that Nasser claimed were paid to Abdul Hamid Sarraj. The strange coincidence that the first two cheques carried consecutive numbers although they were written six days apart presupposes that the Arab Bank in Riadh — a thriving institution — had issued no other cheques for the intervening period.

This makes it obvious that the attacks and the foiled plots which have marked Abdul Nasser's stay in Damascus came as a cover for something else. The difficulties which the Egyptian dictator is encountering in "the cradle of Arab nationalism" must be very great to induce him to antagonise virtually everyone in the Arab world — not sparing even the Lebanese, whom he now seems to want to save from "Israel expansionism."

Informed Nationalist

The truth is that Jamali is almost the only Cabinet Minister in Iraq who has any real acquaintance with modern political theories and international trends of thought. His utterances differ from those of his colleagues because he is familiar with his opponents' point of view; he is also generally considered to be well-read. Last week, in an article on Positive Neutralism, Jamali took issue with its advocates:

> Positive neutralism is meaningless and has no basis in reality... Recent developments in the international position of Egypt and Syria do not add up to neutralism but to a shift from the West to the Eastern Bloc, though this be called positive neutralism.
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> Neutralism is altogether impractical (for the Arab countries) as it requires one of two things: the agreement of the two rival blocs that you can remain neutral—otherwise either of them can violate this neutralism — or your being strong enough, militarily and economically, to defend your neutralism with force.
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> As neither of these requisites are available to the Arab countries, it is inevitable that these countries should need the military and technical assistance of one of the two rival camps. That Egypt and Syria have chosen the Soviet Bloc does not mean that they can call this Positive Neutralism.

Far, then, from being a victory for Abdul Nasser, Mirjan's replacement rather attests to a hardening in Iraq's attitude to the U.A.R. It is an indication that Baghdad has decided to join battle and, if necessary, even to strike back.

Two days before he was named Foreign Minister, Jamali wrote an article replying to Abdul Nasser's attack on himself and on other Iraqi

Italy Guards Civil Marriage

Bishop Convicted for Slandering Couple

By STEPHEN HOUSE

ROME (OFNS). — THE cancellation by Pope Pius XII of the official celebration of his 19th coronation anniversary today (March 12) because of the "outrage committed in Italy against the Church," follows hard on last Saturday's conviction of the Bishop of Prato by a civil court. The Bishop, who did not appear in court, was found guilty of criminal defamation of character, and given a suspended fine of 40,000 lire (IL115). The sentence has caused a sensation in Italy since both prosecutor and defence had requested an acquittal.

The implications of the case are likely to be politically far-reaching with the Parliamentary elections approaching. The governing Christian Democrats came to power, and can hold power, only by the support of Catholic Action, the powerful lay organisation of the Catholic Church, yet the court's decision will undoubtedly spur those who resent the Church's actions outside the strictly ecclesiastical sphere. And the Prato case may have repercussions far wider than yet envisaged.

It all began in 1956, in one of Italy's so-called "Red" towns, Prato, in Tuscany. In this town, not far from the place where Savonarola was burnt, Mauro Bellandi, a well-to-do tradesman, married Loriana Nunziati, the daughter of God-fearing and Church-going parents. Bellandi refused to be married in Church. At 19 he was a partisan fighter in the Italian liberation campaign, captured by the Germans and later escaped. After the war he joined the Communist Party, but resigned a year before his marriage. He said he did not believe in God and had no faith in the Church. A religious ceremony was against his principles and philosophy.

A long campaign of persuasion and remonstrance followed. The Bishop himself, Monsignor Pietro Fiordelli, took the trouble to speak to Loriana and to explain to her the sin which she was about to commit. All was of no avail. Loriana, a naive girl, had one answer for everybody. "My husband is a very learned man. He studied a lot, he knows best."

When it became clear that all persuasion had failed, the Bishop wrote a pastoral letter to be read in all churches of the diocese in which the young couple were castigated for living in "sinful and scandalous concubinage." Don Aiazzi, their parish priest, also published the letter in the Church bulletin.

Silent Boycott

That was the beginning of a tough time for the Bellandis. His business began to fall off; wherever he turned he met an organised but mute boycott. His former Communist comrades helped him only a little. Their instructions were to bring Bellandi to the point of explosion. They hoped to reap a political harvest from the "persecution" of Bellandi by the Church. The plan worked. The Bellandis, ruined and badgered, went to law. They started proceedings against the Bishop and the parish priest for libel and slander, and asked for substantial damages. The investigating magistrate ruled in the first instance that there was no case to answer, and refused to commit the two Churchmen to trial. The Bellandis appealed. After various adjournments the magistrate of the Appeal Court ruled last October that there was a case to answer and committed Monsignor Fiordelli and Don Aiazzi to trial.

The small local drama became a big issue, although the legal aspects of the case appeared to be simple in view of the 1929 Concordat regulating relations between the Holy See and the Italian State, which recognises civil marriages as legally valid.

THE VATICAN AND OUTER SPACE

ROME, (NANA). — THE Roman Catholic Church has appointed a committee of leading theologians to study the duties of the church toward creatures in outer space.

The study group was formed following a recent closed-doors meeting of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in Vatican City.

The Catholic Church has considerable literature concerning the spiritual problems of the supposed beings on other planets. Some of the tracts date to the 15th century.

The central problem facing the newly formed pontifical committee is whether the inhabitants of outer space have a need for salvation. It is possible, they say, that original sin is not known beyond the earth.

Dulles Feeds Arab Intransigence

FOUR papers rap Mr. John Foster Dulles for his glib statement that Israel's borders "are not supposed to be definitive," and aver that he is sorely mistaken if he hoped to enhance the stability of the Middle East by promising a revision. His statement is bound to have just the opposite effect.

Lamerhav (Ahdut Ha'avoda) recalls that Israel was created not by the statements of foreign ministers but by the efforts and sacrifices of the Jewish people. It may be true that the armistice borders are not final but they did confirm the established fact that the Arab invaders had been ignominiously driven from the field of battle. The fact that the various inter-Arab alignments do not have the backing and sympathy of the Arab masses makes Mr. Dulles hope that he can win over their rulers by again dangling Israel's borders before them.

Hatzofe (World Mizrahi) also feels that the latest pronouncements from Washington and London certainly do nothing to promote stability in the region despite Israel's efforts at self-restraint in the face of the severe provocations constituted by the threatening Arab unions. Meanwhile a third condiment in the form of the "Palestinian State," at whose head will stand the arch-enemy of the Jewish people, has been added to the stew.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that Dulles is simply encouraging the Arabs in their intractability. What Israel must do now is to tell the world that not an inch of her territory is for sale and that her borders are not ready for review. Let statesmen labour under no illusions and let them refrain from raising false hopes in the breasts of the Arab rulers to woo them away from Russia. Only the recognition of our State without question of her borders or sovereignty will help bring stability to the region and pave the way to ultimate peace.

Habaker (General Zionist) foresees a time when the U.S. will have reason to regret that Israel's borders are so circumscribed. But it must be said in all truth that Israel too is a great deal to blame for this kind of statement, which the Foreign Ministry's lethargy encourages.

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes that the declaration of the Gaza Strip as a Palestine Arab state must necessarily be interpreted as an aggressive step to the neighbours of the United Arab Republic. The practical threat in such a move is more to Jordan than towards Israel but successful subversion of Jordan will naturally intensify the danger as far as we are concerned. If the Arabs had agreed to set up an Arab state when it was proposed, the trend of history would have been different—Hashemite rule would not have flowed over onto the Western bank, and the Gaza Strip would not have become an Egyptian base of attack. But what could have prevented a war ten years ago cannot today serve the interests of peace but rather becomes an act whose aim is to fan the flames of aggression, revolution and war. Any Arab ruler who today seeks peace will be recognized as such by the extent he keeps his hands off Gaza; anyone acting otherwise will be seen as a conspirator against Jordan and Israel.

Yesterday's Press

Readers' Letters

PROFESSIONALS' POSITION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your Marginal Column of today on the position of the professionals greatly over-simplifies an "extremely complex situation." Your columnist mixes up two entirely different issues. It is true that "leadership by intellectuals" is not automatic, but by what authority does Mr. Shapiro consider himself entitled to write as a moral censor of the intellectuals.

Secondly, it is much more than shortsightedness — in fact, blindness — not to realise that the very doctrinaire egalitarianism whose once idealistic drive has spent its force in a society which is anything but classless, threatens our existence as a society and as a state. The years of training of the "trained specialists" who came here from abroad represent a huge capital import for which we never paid in hard currency or otherwise. The pool of such specialists not only has to be replenished but actually increased by immigration or by training our youth — or by both. The former is discouraged because of the difficulties facing would-be professional immigrants; the latter is costing us a considerable part of the national wealth, mostly in hard currency, in addition to the expenditure of money and time incurred by the students themselve.

This large, very important "capital" acquired by our economy either at no cost at all or — and increasingly so — at very high cost indeed, is being slowly but inexorably squandered by our egalitarians. Already an alarmingly large proportion of our bright young men and women who received special training abroad are not returning home, and the time may not be far off when those who have been trained here will be syphoned off by the increasingly tempting opportunities of the West — and possibly also the East.

If we do not want to acknowledge the simple fact that there is only one cake of a modest size for all of us and that the part of it given to the "trained specialist" is bigger all over the world than the one given to the bus-driver, it will be to the detriment of us all. Talk about extra income from "evening classes," "private jobs," "salaries raised considerably only two years ago" will simply not do; the issues at stake are too big.

Yours, etc.
Y. K. UNGER
Haifa, February 28.

DOCTORS' LOT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is obvious that your columnist does not know the life of a doctor. Whatever time we have left after a day's hard work is spent in keeping up to date in our profession — reading medical periodicals and books, attending lectures and courses, visiting hospitals, etc. — and there is hardly spare time for engaging intensively in practical politics. This is not the case with a bus-driver who may require only a few hours a year to improve his knowledge of his work and who therefore may have enough time and energy left to engage in politics — wisely I hope.

There is no reason why the son of a bus driver should not study at the university, but I do object when the son of a doctor cannot engage in similar studies, for lack of money. I do not agree with the oft-repeated arguments that since a professional worker spent more time, effort and money on his training, he should earn a higher salary. The fact is however, that the doctor, for example, must be able to concentrate on the proper fulfilment of his heavy and constant responsibility — proper diagnosis and treatment of his patients who trust him. To do so, he must be released from the worry of earning a decent livelihood.

Yours, etc.
DR. ELIAHU FRANKEL
Jerusalem, March 2.

RADIO JOURNAL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I suggest that before IL400,000 is spent on the proposed Radio Journal, radio owners be asked to participate in a poll to reply "Yes" or "No" to the question whether they want this publication.

Yours, etc.
P.K.
(Name and Address Supplied)
Tel Aviv, March 2.

PEN FRIENDS

MARIA GIACCHI, 18, of 17 Via Tribunale, Caltanissetta, Italy, would like to correspond and exchange stamps with an Israeli.

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SHOSHANA COHEN, 25, of 9458 Champagneur Avenue, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, would like to write to a boy or girl in Israel between the ages of 14 and 17. She goes to Adath School and speaks Hebrew.

AT THE CINEMA

THE story of a commando raid on Benghazi and the commanding officer (Curt Jurgens) who did not justify himself in the eyes of his men, "Bitter Victory" (Armon, Haifa) would have been a very good film if we had known the exact cause of the trouble. The best would have been an emphasis on the mistake of entrusting a dangerous operation to a man whose work had hitherto been administrative. But then we learn that his wife (Ruth Roman) had once been in love with his second in command (Richard Burton). Hence the neurotics and an artificial book of words (Burton, in his dying speech, seems to think he is declaiming Shakespeare). Like the average film today, "Bitter Victory" is exciting and always entertaining, but in this instance, minus the eternal triangle, it might have been much more sophisticated.

The Tin Star

IN the cinema age every schoolboy, whatever his country, knows "The Tin Star" (Pe'er, Haifa) is the sheriff's badge. Here it is a young, inexperienced sheriff (Anthony Perkins) who takes lessons in his profession from the mysterious stranger (Henry Fonda) riding into the town with the dead bandit across a saddle. The opening sequences are excellent but the plot steers off in an entirely unexpected direction, that of the sheriff's education which culminates in the capture of the doctor's murderers and the stopping of a lynching. Right through you have this opposition between a treatment intended for a more ambitious production and a story which nevertheless is original, exciting and unflaggingly taut. Add to that the straight acting of Henry Fonda, always an understanding performer, and you have a Western somewhat above the routine. *H.*

MUSICAL DIARY

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Subscription Concert No. 9. George Singer, conductor; Faina Salzman, pianist (Mann Auditorium, March 5). Beethoven: Prometheus Overture; Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3; Mahler: Symphony No. 5 in C Sharp Minor.

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With her indisputable sense of music and her faultless technique, Miss Salzman gave an accomplished rendition of the Bartok concerto, especially displaying her ardent feeling and intelligence for a work that bears undeniable Bartokian imprints but sounds surprisingly conventional. The conductor and orchestra lent the soloist ideal support.

Mahler's Fifth imposed on Mr. Singer the huge task of keeping together the interpretative unity of an overlong work (in the course of which sublimity and triviality meet so often) without neglecting the least detail. The writer of these lines is not a great admirer of Mahler's music in general or of this Symphony (or the Second) in particular, but the conductor's interpretative power, conviction and enthusiasm did wonders with the work.

AVIDOM

Ninth Concert presented by the Jerusalem Chamber Music Society and the Jerusalem Musicians Association (Beit Hillel, March 8). Excerpts from Menotti's Opera, "The Old Maid and The Thief." E. Nadiv, alto; L. Barkai, soprano; Sh. Benedik, soprano; E. Wagner, baritone; Musical Director: Arieh Zemanek.

THIS Radio Opera, which Menotti wrote at the age of 28, is notable not only for its humour and lightness but also for the sure but original characterization of the four types of the plot. The music is always apt and pleasant, the libretto amusing and the action swift — all in all a stroke of good luck for the listener in this complicated world.

The performance gave evidence of the most careful preparation, and it is to the credit of the musical director of the Jerusalem Chamber Opera Group, that he could imbue everyone (including the audience) with the enthusiasm and self-enjoyment which make such concerts a real pleasure. The singers gave of their best, the piano accompaniment being provided brilliantly and painstakingly by Arieh Zemanek. Rachel Ronen of Kol Yisrael, who gave a synopsis in Hebrew, fitted herself charmingly into the setup. A most successful and delightful evening.

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